Docket No.: 49959-013

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In re Application of

Ariel Ben-Porath, et al.

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

For:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified

statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	55	60	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	8	8	0	\$80.00 =	\$0.00
	70	Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
	Fee for extension of time				\$890.00
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$890.00

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$890.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 3, 21, 22 and 39 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Amended) A method of automatically classifying defects [a defect] on the

surface of an article, which method comprises at least:

imaging the surface; [and]

classifying <u>each of the defects</u> [the defect] as being in one of a predetermined number of invariant core classes of defects;

determining a total number of defects in each of the core classes; and

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